

REMARKS

Upon entry of this amendment, claims 26, 29-31, 33, 36-38, and 53-60 are currently pending in this application. Claims 1-25, 27, 28, 32, 34, 35, 39-52, and 61 are canceled. Claims 53-60 remain withdrawn from consideration. Claims 26, 33, and 53-60 have been amended. Claims 26, 29-31, 33, and 36-38, and 53-60 are under consideration.

This Amendment is provided to the Examiner as a supplement to the amendments and arguments provided in the Amendment and Response filed earlier on December 18, 2009, to correct inconsistencies in the dependent claims. Reconsideration and allowance of the application in light of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks are respectfully requested.

Examiner Interview

Applicants would like to thank Examiner Gambel for his thoughtful comments during an interview on December 8, 2009, during which clarification of the preamble of certain claims was discussed.

Request for Rejoinder

Applicants respectfully request rejoinder of withdrawn claims 53-60 in view the clarifying amendments provided herein.

Cancellation of Remaining Withdrawn Claims

Applicants have cancelled the remaining withdrawn claims 39-43 and 47-52. Applicants reserve the right to prosecute the subject matter of those claims in a divisional or continuation application.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants believe that the rejections set forth in the Office Action dated March 4, 2009 have been overcome and consequently that all claims are in condition for allowance. Applicants, therefore, respectfully request reconsideration and removal of the rejections, and allowance of the claims as amended.

Respectfully submitted,

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